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57/162. International Year of Rice, 2004

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 2/2001 of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,[1]

Noting that rice is the staple food of more than half of the world's population,

Affirming the need to heighten awareness of the role of rice in alleviating poverty and malnutrition,

Reaffirming the need to focus world attention on the role that rice can play in providing food security and eradicating poverty in the attainment of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[2]

1. *Decides* to declare the year 2004 the International Year of Rice;

2. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate the implementation of the International Year of Rice, in collaboration with Governments, the United Nations Development Programme, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research centres and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations.

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[1] See *Report of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Thirty-first Session, Rome, 2–13 November 2001* (C 2001/REP).

[2] See resolution 55/2.